



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DURING CLOSED SESSION HELD MARCH 16, 2004

DESCRIPTION: Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
(Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Significant exposure to litigation (one case)

(Also See Agenda No. 73-A)

DURING CLOSED SESSION THE BOARD TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTION:

The Board took the following actions:

1. Authorized, pursuant to Government Code Section 995.8, defense of the Office of the District Attorney and individual deputy district attorneys who may be named in criminal contempt proceedings in the United States District Court, Central District of California, concerning the retention in custody of a prisoner, Thomas L. Goldstein;
2. Found that the proceedings involved acts or omissions of the District Attorney's Office and/or the individual deputy district attorneys taken in the course and scope of their employment and official duties on behalf of the County of Los Angeles;
3. Found that the defense of the District Attorney's Office and individual deputies would be in the best interest of the County of Los Angeles;

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4. Found that the Office of the District Attorney and individual deputies acted, or failed to act, in good faith, without actual malice, and in the apparent interest of the County of Los Angeles; and
5. Directed the County Counsel to secure legal representation for the District Attorney's Office and individual deputy district attorneys who may be named in the contempt proceedings.

The vote of the Board of Supervisors was unanimous with all Supervisors being present.

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